AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend paragraph 0032 of the published application as follows:

As shown in FIG. 2, loop 18 is formed on a distal side with three bends 22, 23, 24 defining a nose 26 projecting in the distal direction away from tubular member or catheter 12 and rod or wire member 20. Center bend 24 is concave inwardly, while lateral bends 22 and 23 are concave outwardly, that is, in a direction away from the inside of the loop 18. Loop 18 further includes two mirror-image loop sections 28 and 30 each extending between elongate rod or wire member 20 and a respective bend 22 or 23 of nose 26.

Amend paragraph 0033 of the published application as follows:

Loop sections 28 and 30 are formed with respective V-shaped notches or dents 32 and 34 for enabling a use of the loop in a second, smaller size shown in FIGS. 3 and 5. In this smaller deployment configuration, loop 18 is suitable for the harvesting of a small polyp SP, as depicted in FIG. 5. More specifically, notches or dents 32 and 34 facilitate the use of a distal end portion 36 of loop 16, which is bounded by the notches or dents on the proximal side and nose 26 on the distal side, as a smaller, auxiliary loop. Notches or dents 32 and 34 are so small relative to loop 18 that loop 18 in the fully expanded configuration takes the form of a single oval having a width that is substantially unaffected by the notches or dents so that loop 18 in its fully expanded configuration can

be used to sever a polyp substantially larger than any polyp severable by the smaller auxiliary loop formed by distal end portion 36 of loop 18.

Amend paragraph 0041 of the published application as follows:

Loop 18 is subject to an electrical current carried via elongate rod or wire member 20 and a connector 21 from a voltage or current source 56 (FIG. 1). Accordingly, the instrument of FIGS. 1-3 may function as a cauterization snare, as illustrated in FIGS. 4 and 5.